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SCREENING MADE FROM EMBRYONIC STEM
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006 ("Action"). The period for response to the Action runs until May 15, 2006 as May 13, 2006 falls on a Saturday. Thus, this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.